**PTA General Meeting**

**North Beach Elementary**

**February 27, 6:30 p.m.**

**It is the mission of the North Beach Elementary PTA to foster community inclusion, child advocacy and academic excellence by facilitating communications, supporting teachers and staff, & enhancing the educational, social & physical environment of North Beach Elementary School.**

# **Minutes**

Call to order and welcome at 6:45

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2013 General Meeting and December 18, 2013 Special General Meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Literacy and Common Core (RJ Sammons).

RJ thanked teachers May, Marquez, McLane, Niemeyer, and Billroth for participating in the preparation and presentation of tonight’s meeting program. Approximately 46% of SPS grads must enroll in remedial English or math upon high school graduation. McLane working with students supporting their work with appropriate source materials.

Common Core Standards Review. Shift for state and nation in academic expectations for K-12. RJ showed a 3 minute video to overview the Common Core Standards. Our state assessment is changing to coincide with CCS next spring. We are adjusting our teaching and learning to adapt.

Balanced literacy framework. Reading Practices, Writing Practices, Oral Language, Comprehension and Word Work. What does this look like at North Beach? Reading Aloud/Modeled Reading (teacher showing voice expression, etc.), Shared Reading (entire class), Guided Reading (small group), Independent Reading (based on each student’s reading level). Modeled or Interactive Writing (Teacher Modeling), Shared Writing, Guided Writing (Workshop/ Small group), Independent Writing. Sometimes interwoven with Science, Math, etc. Asking student to support their thinking with evidence. Why?

Teaching and Learning/Mini-lessons. Focusing on a topic or skill that many students need. Most mini-lessons last only 10-15 minutes. They involve: Teacher modeling, Whole Class together, Independent work. We use data about students to structure the mini-lessons.

Assessment. We use Multiple Data points. MAP Test, Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) (1st and second grade), Teachers College Assessment (TC), Unit assessments, and conferring with the student.

Support. One example of extra support provided for students is Wired for Reading, a linguistics intervention program for phonics, reading, spelling, and vocabulary. It is used one on one and in small group pullouts with Tutors. It gives students background on how English language is put together.

Parent strategies and takeaways. A resource table was set-up at the front of the room tonight with lists of the various reading levels and suggested books from our library at each level. Common Core Parent resource link is on the North Beach website. Digital Resources include 200 eBooks. [www.mackinvia.com](http://www.mackinvia.com). These resources are available 24/7 from home. We also have Parent Child Book Clubs underway. The current ones are divided by gender and involve historical fiction. Ms. McLane is thrilled with the new books recently ordered for the library (about 700 in the last month), thanks to the PTA. We also have many new e-Books. We have an audio book library, “OneClick digital” which has separate login that needs to be set up at school (get from Ms. McLane). We have a new leveled bookroom. This is a resource for teachers and parents to use.

BUDGET UPDATE. Rowland reported cash flow is positive for the year. AGC has met the goal for the year and more money is coming in. Currently at about $54,800. Auction and WJM still to come. Approximately $100,000 in the bank.

Proposed Standing Rule Change. Rowland propose to edit PTA Standing Rules to say that “The PTA Board of Directors may approve income-generating activities and spending without General Membership approval.” Examples of income-generating activities would be Scrip and Wearables. It was moved and seconded to edit the Standing Rules as proposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Mike Kelly reported that his job is to motivate North Beach parents to act to contact our state legislators. One issue of importance is the Washington State Supreme Court decision (*McCleary v. Washington*) which said our state is underfunding public education in a way that is unconstitutional. Mike will send an email that shows people who to contact about this. It was suggested that we invite our local legislators to come and present to the PTA.

SCRIP UPDATE. Phillipa Dugaw reported that we are trying to change the culture so that parents use Scrip to purchase needed goods with percentage coming back to the school. Fred Meyer Scrip has been most popular. We have made $600 or so with Scrip so far. Another local school makes $75,000/year. We could hit $10,000 here as a reasonable goal. There was an inquiry about whether people could purchase Scrip with their credit cards. Phillipa and Rowland will investigate. There may also be a 1% rebate program through Ballard Market if we have a volunteer to collect and tally receipts. Scrip order forms are on the PTA website.

AUCTION UPDATE. Cindy Ege reported that tomorrow is last day to turn in procurement forms. We have great teacher experiences and some big ticket items, as well as many restaurant certificates. Tomorrow is also last day for discounted tickets. We have about half the tickets (100 tickets) sold. Parents can pay to provide teacher tickets.

SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE. Anson Yuen reported that the Science Fair will occur on March 13. Projects are judged by volunteers who interview students. 183 projects last year and this year will probably be more. Prizes include ribbons (K-2), t-shirts, and certificates. Registration website is now live. Anson called for volunteer judges (judging occurs during the school day). This year’s budget did not fund the Science Fair at previous year levels. This year was budgeted at $100 only (likely a typo, as it should have been $1,000). Big budget item is the t-shirts which are very meaningful to the kids. Anson proposed a budget increase to $800. Rowland moved to increase the total budget to $1,000. Motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Nominating Committee. General Membership vote is required to approve Nominating Committee members. Karlie Savo, Kerry Schultz, and Bert Hopkins have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mike Kelly moved to approve the proposed three members of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee does not require General Membership approval. Rowland Morgan, Erika Hermanson, and Jodi Somm have agreed to serve. Erika invited anyone else who is interested to volunteer to join this committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

Feb 28 – Talent Show

March 4 – PTA Board Meeting

March 13 – Science Fair (with Blue Highway Games, estimate jar, etc.)

March 20 – Math Night

March 26 – 2 hour early dismissal

March 29 – Auction

At 8:25 it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.